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1. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN (EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT) REPORTED TO THE MARCH 7 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL ON HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS CONCERNING EC/JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO AN EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN, ANDERSEN TOLD THE COUNCIL HE HAD EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING TO THE
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JAPANESE:

(A) THE EC WELCOMES THE MACROECONOMIC MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY THE GOJ, AND WOULD WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES, SUCH AS INCREASED DEVELOPMENT AID, WHICH MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED IN ORDER TO MEET THE JAPANESE GROWTH TARGETS;

(B) HOWEVER, THE JAPANESE MACROECONOMIC MEASURES PROVIDE NO GUARANTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EC EXPORTS OR FOR OPENING UP THE JAPANESE MARKET; OTHER MEASURES WHICH COULD BE TAKEN CENTER ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND THE JAPANESE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM;

(C) WHILE THE EC WELCOMES US/JAPANESE COOPERATION, IT BELIEVES JAPAN SHOULD BE JUST AS FORTHCOMING WITH THE COMMUNITY AS IT HAS BEEN WITH THE U.S.

(D) THE EC MEMBER STATES FULLY SUPPORT THE COMMISSION ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE.

2. EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP ALSO REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF COMMISSION'S CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE. THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF UPCOMING TALKS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS DENMAN BEGINNING MARCH 15 IN TOKYO, AND OF HAFERKAMP'S PLANNED DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO THE FOLLOWING WEEK. ANDERSEN TOLD THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE FELT HIS TOKYO TALKS HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED WITH THE JAPANESE THAT THE CURRENT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS SHOULD CONCLUDE WITH A JOINT DECLARATION. COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT ANDERSEN EMPHASIZED TO COUNCIL HIS VIEW THAT GOJ HAD APPRECIATED POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF HIS CONSULTATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN TOKYO. A DANISH SOURCE WHO ACCOMPANIED ANDERSEN TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT MAIN AIM OF FURTHER TALKS IS TO OBTAIN FROM JAPANESE COMMITMENT TO EXPAND IMPORTS OF EC MANUFACTURED GOODS. HINTON

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